

Impact of the 'Making Leeds the Best City to Grow Old' in programme of work

The strategic leadership for Age Friendly Leeds sits with the Making Leeds the Best City to Grow Old in project board chaired by the lead member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults. The work is linked to the Adult Intergrated Care and Prevention Programme and as such reports to the Council's Executive Board and Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board.

August 2017 – Making Leeds the Best city to Grow Old in project board meeting

At the August 2017 meeting of our Project Board, members shared their views on the impact of the Age Friendly Leeds, Making Leeds the Best to Grow Old in programme of work:

The programme has helped to gauge need across a place and engage with a range of stakeholders. This has enabled us to be able to focus more on outcomes for people rather than services, and without this programme this would not have been achieved.

The programme provides governance across a place, without which the Centre for Ageing Better would not have been able to enter into partnership with Leeds. Social isolation is a key and complex issue for older people, and the work being undertaken on housing, transport and health can help tackle this issue.

The impact of the programme of work is greater than the sum of its parts. The West Yorkshire Playhouse presentation about the Dementia Festival at the previous meeting is an example of how partners are being brought in and barriers are being removed. Work should be undertaken to capture of the quantum of the collective endeavour.

The work on transport has moved forward significantly in the last year.

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Priority 2 – An Age Friendly City where people age well

The board considered the report of the Chief Officer / Consultant in Public Health which demonstrates the impact of the Breakthrough project 'Making Leeds the Best City to Grow Old' as one strand of work to achieve the priority of Leeds being an Age Friendly City where people age well. The report specifically aims to review the progress of the partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better and Leeds Older People's Forum, how this could benefit the ambition of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be an 'Age Friendly City' where people age well, and consider what role the Board could have in these partnerships priority programmes (community transport, community contribution research and housing).

The meeting resolved:-

- a) To recognise the impact of the Age Friendly programme of work as detailed in the Annual Report.
- b) To recognise that the Age Friendly programme of work is a good example of cross council and partnership working to maximise impact and outcomes for the citizens of Leeds.
- c) To consider specifically how the partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better could use the findings from its research on community contribution to support 'Leeds Left Shift' ambition to

motivate and boost the abilities of communities to increase wellbeing of local older people from BME communities.

d) To consider how the partnership work on community transport could align with and strategically inform any future plans for transport within health.

e) To consider what key issues are needed to shape the Information and Advice on Housing Options work programme, and specifically how this can be integrated with health and care services.

[Link to Health and Wellbeing Board papers June 2018 \(item 9\)](#)

Next steps

Age Friendly became a best council priority in April 2019

Action plan reviewed and new plan launched June 2019

Develop a framework for quantitative and qualitative monitoring and evaluation